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Sir,

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office action dated December 6 September 25, 2001 for two months from November 6, 2001 to February 6, 2002.

Please charge the deposit account number 13-3860 of applicant's agent of record, in the amount of US\$ 200.00 (fee code 216) to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001. In compliance with the requirement of the Examiner to elect a single disclosed and claimed species under 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicant hereby elects the species

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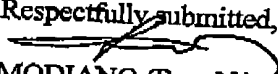
disclosed by the embodiment as claimed in claims 1 to 12, which are drawn to a method of manufacturing a security element.

However, Applicant notes that if a generic claim is found to be allowable, he will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 141.

In any case, the right is reserved to file a divisional application for the non-elected embodiment, if necessary.

Prosecution on the merits is therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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